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1. First Guards Mechanized Army. [redacted] the tank unit 25X1
formerly stationed at the signal school in Königsbrück has been transferred to Dresden. An AAA unit at Neues Lager has been transferred to the Bohra summer camp. 25X1
2. Second Guards Mechanized Army. On 8 June 1954 there was a light artillery brigade at the Döberitz post. From 6 to 10 June the 88th Engineer Regiment carried out small-scale engineer exercises at Tollensee near Neubrandenburg. In late May and early June major elements of the 9th Guards Tank Division held short-term exercises in the Neustrelitz area. On 7 and 8 June artillery units of the 12th Guards Tank Division held advanced combat firing practice in the Jüterbog area. Early in June tank elements of the 1st Mechanized Division were training at the Döberitz troop-training grounds.
3. Third Guards Mechanized Army. The 70th Mechanized Regiment of the 9th Mechanized Division is confirmed in the Neue Kaserne, south of the Zossen camp.
4. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army. From 26 to 31 May units of the 6th Guards Mechanized Division from Bernau, including elements of the 35th Guards Mechanized Regiment, the 120th AAA Regiment, and the 22nd Guards Engineer Battalion, trained

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at the Templin troop-training grounds. On 6 June units of the 120th AAA Regiment returned from Altengrabow to Bernau. In late May and early June some units of the 7th Guards Mechanized Division returned from Lieberose to Fürstenwalde. On 10 June units of the 25th Tank Division, with anti-aircraft artillery and scout cars, were transferred from Templin to Altengrabow. On 9 June a detachment of the 63rd AAA Division returned, presumably from Wustrow, to Eberswalde (Britz Camp).

5. Third Shock Army. Early in June Camps Numbers 1 and 3 near Born, Letzling Heath, were occupied to capacity by the 19th Guards Mechanized Division and Army troops. On 10 June heavy guns were fired individually in the training area. On 11 June three empty trains were assembled at the Burg railroad station, presumably to carry troops to Letzling Heath or Altengrabow. During the first part of June, one battery of the 10th Guards Rocket-Launcher Regiment (IXth Motorized Rifle Corps) went each day, in rotation, to Die Lewitz firing range (described as north of Ludwigslust). On 12 June several 122-mm. field howitzers were fired at Die Lewitz firing range; these are believed to have belonged to the 4th Artillery Brigade. On 10 June there was an exercise involving 10 tanks of the 94th Guards Motorized Rifle Division.
6. Eighth Guards Army. On 9 June the Army headquarters was still at Weimar-Nohra. On 10 June the artillery brigades of the Army were still at Altenburg; there was firing with live ammunition in the Kammerforst area 4 kilometers north of Altenburg. On 12 June the 208th Artillery Brigade was still at Gera; intensive work was going on in the enlarging of the training grounds of the military post. There was continuous firing practice at the Forst-Zeitz training area. On 10 June the 316th Guards Rocket-Launcher Regiment was at Saalfeld. On 5 June the entire 39th Guards Motorized Rifle Division was at Plauen. On 30 May the Gotha barracks were occupied to capacity by units of the 57th Guards Motorized Rifle Division. On 9 May the presence of the 172nd Guards Motorized Rifle Regiment at Gotha was confirmed. Since early May an engineer battalion of the 21st Guards Mechanized Division has been observed in the Aken area.

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7. Fourth Artillery Corps. On 7 June a unit of the 2nd Guards AAA Division returned from Wustrow to Spereberg. On 8 June the 4th AT Brigade was at Prora. On 9 June the 25th Guards Rocket-Launcher Brigade was still at Rathenow. Beginning late in May, individual batteries of the 124th Heavy Howitzer Brigade carried on exercises in the Brandenburg area, lasting several days each. Between 10 and 14 June, units of the 34th Artillery Division rotated between Altengrabow and Potsdam.
8. Army Troops of the GSOVG. Early in June the construction of an under-water bridge across a branch of the Elbe was observed between Rosslau and Vockerode; temporary bridge-building equipment which was used is alleged to have been more than 100 meters long.
9. On 19 and 20 May eight AA guns of modern design arrived at the Bismarck Kaserne in Naumburg; they remained there at least until 8 June. These are described as new 57-mm. AA guns.
10. Between 13 and 18 June trains with a light escort detachment were observed moving from Frankfurt on the Oder in the direction of Cottbus, carrying 94 122-mm. field howitzers, 30 six-wheel armored personnel carriers, and 45 motor vehicles.
11. KVP. Between 8 and 12 June elements of the Ministry of the Interior and of the KVP, including Lt. Gen. Heinz Hoffmann, seven major generals, eight Soviet officers, approximately 1,000 KVP officers of lower grades, and 300 female clerical workers, were transferred from Berlin to the Strausberg airfield. On 14 June the Construction and Billeting Departments of the KVP were transferred from Mauerstrasse to Schnellerstrasse in Berlin. Elements of the mechanized regiment in Karpin have moved to a summer camp in the Ahlbeck area. The Weisswasser training grounds are being used by small units of the Korps Süd.

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